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at FDU's Metropolitan Campus

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New SUB Planned for Metro Campus

*Student Center Accounts
for 52% of 10-Year
Building Budget*

By Melanie Perez

Alex Portesi contributed to this story

(TEANECK) – Of \$230.7 million to be invested in FDU's NJ campuses over the next 10 years, \$120.1 million is for the Metro campus. Administrators held an open town hall meeting on Oct. 27 to update the community on the Master Facilities Plan, the initiative to bring campus facilities up-to-date and improve aesthetics.

Former President Sheldon Drucker announced the plan on Jan. 23 this year, stating that the goal of the initiative was to determine future investments in sustainability, buildings, infrastructure and landscape.

The meeting disclosed students' favorite places on campus including the Library, Dickinson Hall, the Fitness Center, and Northpoint. Most students disliked the bridge, the Kron building and the Student Union Building (SUB). Administrators don't like that the SUB isn't central and students think the SUB, overall, needs improvement. The new SUB will cost \$17-25 million and campus landscaping will cost \$30-40 million.

Many feel the Metro campus lacks a positive vibe and contemporary look. Many dislike that the flags in front of Robison Annex are essentially the Metropolitan Campus' front door. The plan is to have the Hackensack River act as the unifying piece of the campus.

Perkins Eastman, one of the largest planning and architecture companies in the U.S., led the master planning team. There was also a steering committee comprised of faculty, trustees and administrative representatives.

By the end of the 2015 Winter Session, many improvements will have been made on the Metro campus. So far, three University Court bathrooms were renovated with high-efficiency boilers and pumps and new air-handling units. In Becton Hall, many classroom-unit ventilators were replaced, an elevator was added, and handicap-accessible restrooms were installed. In Williams Hall, the electrical service was upgraded and energy-efficient light fixtures were installed in all the classrooms.

Students, faculty and staff can look forward to the many renovations that are to come in the next few years on both campuses.

"We very much encourage and will appreciate the FDU community's insight and participation in this very important initiative," former President Drucker said. "We need the input of as many community members as possible to help us create a powerful vision for the future."

NEC Champs!



In the picture from left to right:

Top: Esther Rochon, Felicia Burr, Paddy Seitz, Katey Arathoon, Carly Tice, Mackenzie Reese, Rachel Hoekstra

Bottom: Noelle Picone, Skyler Speed, Jovinna Chalensouk-Khaosaat, Amanda Goulet, Kayla Adams

Photo Provided

By Katelyn Arathoon

(TEANECK) – Just four years ago, 12 young women agreed to join a team they didn't know much about, and from which they expected little - the FDU Women's Soccer Team. I was one of the 12. None of us could have predicted that we would finish our college careers with a conference championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

We were 12 individuals seeking a D-I soccer experience. We battled through three tough years together. We had no coach in our freshman year, lost in the semi-finals in our sophomore year, and lost again in the finals as juniors.

This season, it was obvious that something special was happening in our game against Hartford, just before conference play started. This was the first game in which our team found our groove and finally connected together for an entire 90 minutes. From then on we took each game one step at a time, considered our opponents one

at a time, and while doing so, focused on the smaller goals that allowed us to achieve our larger ones. This season is the first undefeated season in FDU Women's Soccer history. It is the also the first time FDU has won the women's soccer title in the NEC tournament, and as a result, it is our first berth in the NCAA Tournament. Having these accomplishments all happen in our senior year makes these moments even more special. Looking back on it now, the hardships of our past prepared us for greatness this fall.

What separates this team from previous ones is its core, the players, the positive attitude and the total commitment to success. Over the past three years we have acquired many top players who have enabled our team to develop the skill and force we need to take down top teams. These women have many unique qualities and skills that have allowed us to take our performance to another level, one that we could not have achieved without them.

The coaching staff, the

strength and conditioning development staff, trainers, and the athletic department staff have been working hard for us all year, and have provided us the resources and means to be great. There is always a supportive and positive environment, and there is progress being made every day, on and off the field, and the connection we have as a unit has solidified over the years.

The seniors have been the heart of our success this year, and every one of them has made a major contribution. They were the foundation of the team's success.

We began this season with a never-quit attitude, and we ended it as champions. It made no difference if we were up or down by three goals - in every single game we played, this team never stopped battling. We lost our coach two years in a row, but we never lost our will to win. And now, after four years together, the 2015 team will be remembered as the greatest FDU Women's Soccer team ever.



Forward, Rachel Hoekstra, attacks the Robert Morris defense during the NEC championship game at FDU Metro on Sunday, November 8.

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Larry Levanti*

Opinion

Student Body Seeks Answers on Closed SGA Meetings

By Sandy Levine

The openness of SGA meetings for the public has been baffling students, as the campus fliers, senators and The Dean of Students are providing different answers to this question.

The purpose of SGA meetings is to allow the school to best serve the student body, while engaging students through weekly open meetings. A flier posted across campus that reads, “Every Wednesday 2:30 p.m. SUB. Voice Your Opinion, Contact Your Senator, Make Change Happen,” was proven false when Caitlin Gilmore, vice president of SGA, turned students away from the Oct. 7 meeting.

“Today is a closed meeting because every first of the month is a closed meeting,” Gilmore explained that day.

The vice president could not confirm whether or not the Oct. 14 meeting would be open. Although Gilmore maintained that only meetings on the first of the month are closed, she turned students away on Oct. 14, the third week of the month. She informed students that the SGA meeting would again be open only for SGA representatives because fall recess prevented senators from working on SGA projects.



The SGA with advisor Vidal Lopez in their speed dating game.
Photo Credit: Zachary Smith

That’s in sharp contrast with SGA President Michelle Seepersaud’s column in the Sept. 10 edition of The Equinox that said, “I encourage all students to attend the SGA meetings, which occur every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building.”

When asked if she was aware of Seepersaud’s invitation in The Equinox, and the flier that states that meetings are open every week, Gilmore replied, “No, we had posted online that the meetings are for everyone, so this was a decision that was made by

the president.” Gilmore explained that the president has the power to decide whether or not to close an SGA meeting, and that this was beneficial to the executive board of student organizations because it allowed them to communicate on what types of projects they wanted to work on and be consolidated together.

Gilmore explained that the next open meeting will be on Oct. 21. SGA President Michelle Seepersaud said, “Closed meetings have been put into place this year. We wanted to

change things up and create a new dynamic here. We hope to create greater unity in the SGA”.

Seepersaud made the decision to close the meeting. She explained that her executive board helped her execute the idea in its entirety. She said that she’s noticed that senators need a time to collaborate with each other and bond to be more effective.

Dean of Students Michelle McCroy Heins weighed in on the confusion, although the information she gave was inconsistent with Gilmore’s and Seepersaud’s accounts.

“The first SGA meeting of every month is closed,” McCroy Heins said. When corrected, she stated, “I’m not sure why that is.” She said, “Senators are quite busy. They are currently working on finding a proper prayer space for Muslims.”

Conflicting reports from the two SGA senators and the dean cause speculation as to why these meetings, that the fliers claim are meant to bring cohesion to the student body and the college, have instead been closed for two weeks in a row.

The Oct. 21 meeting was public and according to Gilmore, the remaining meetings for this month are expected to be open.

Ferguson Changes Perceptions of Police

By Daniel Clarke

With the increasing tension between the public and law enforcement exasperated by mass media, a recent spike in crime in major cities across the nation has been brought into the spotlight. Some are calling it the “Ferguson Effect,” while others are skeptical that the events in Ferguson, MO., have anything to do with it.

“What’s changed is the public’s perception of us, created by the reckless reporting by nearly every news outlet very early after the shooting of Michael Brown,” said Deputy Matt, a police officer, last year, “The rush to be first with the story over the desire to be correct is having dire consequences nationwide, and quite honestly has made my job more difficult and more dangerous.”

After naming six cops who were shot in the line of duty in only three days, that didn’t make national news, Matt said, “People ask me if things are different for cops since Ferguson. Yes, they are.”

In contrast, DeRay McKesson, a civil rights activist, spoke of a different meaning to the phenomenon.

“The Ferguson Effect is people rising up where they are and saying that we will not be silent anymore,” he said “And that is what we saw at Miz-zou, that is what we saw at Ithaca, it’s what we saw at VCU, it’s what we saw all over the country... it started a year ago in St. Louis and spread across the country.”

While FBI director James Comey concluded that there is not enough evidence of any crime wave, he shifted the talks towards a related issue that DeRay McKesson talked about: the Black Lives Matter movement which he does believe was a result of Ferguson. He offered cautious praise for elements of the Black Lives Matter movement.

“Law enforcement can actually use hashtag Black Lives Matter, to see the world through the eyes of people who are not in our line of work and see how they might perceive us,” McKesson said.

The theory that the “Ferguson



Photo Credit: The Christian Science Monitor

Effect” is the cause of a spike in crime may lack factual support.

“We have seen, since Ferguson, an increase in the number of instances of police use of force captured [on video] and disseminated through news media, and that has led to in-

creased public distrust of police officers and dissatisfaction with police activity,” said Jeffrey Ian Ross, a criminologist at the University of Baltimore.

The Black Lives Matter movement across the nation is a product of Ferguson and other high-profile cases

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Opinion

Black Friday Creeping into Thanksgiving

By Molly Holt

Thanksgiving is traditionally thought of as a holiday where families take time out of their busy lives to join together for a nice dinner and celebrate the things they were thankful for. For some, the next morning would consist of waking up at 2 a.m. and waiting outside stores for the door busting Black Friday deals to kick off the holiday season. However, this holiday shopping frenzy has been undergoing some remodeling in recent years. Over the last decade, the sale start times have been creeping up earlier and earlier. The sales are now starting so early that Black Friday deals are no longer in anticipation, and Thanksgiving has become known as Gray Thursday.

Traditionally, Black Friday sales began at 5 a.m. on the Friday following Thanksgiving. According to U.S. News, in 2011, the new trend of opening stores at midnight was put in motion when stores such as Target and Khol’s announced their new sale start times. Wal-Mart even went as far as to begin their sales at 10 p.m. Thanksgiving evening. This pushed the competition among stores even further. The following year, retailers including Wal-

Mart and Toys“R”Us decided to begin their sales at 8 p.m. Thursday night. Many Americans were in uproar all over social media over this controversy claiming that retailers were taking employees away from their families on

stores such as JCPenny’s and Best Buy opened their doors to shoppers at 5 p.m. on Thursday evening, with Target and Wal-Mart opening at 6 p.m. The “Black Friday Creep” has reached new extremes this year.



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what was supposed to be a day of giving thanks. Despite various protests on websites such as Facebook and Change.org, the popular practice of kicking off the holiday season on Thanksgiving night has continued to grow. Last year,

Stores that are not so popular during the Black Friday and Gray Thursday rush, such as Dollar General, will be opening as early as 7 a.m. on Thursday. Major retailers such as Michael’s have crept their sale start times up to 4 p.m.

Thursday. Although many companies are cashing in on this new shopping craze, some retailers have decided to take a stand against the disruption of the holiday tradition. Staples, GameStop, Nordstrom, Costco, and other traditionally popular Black Friday stops have announced that they will not be open on Thanksgiving and will begin their sales Friday morning as usual.

In more shocking news, the outdoor company, REI, is taking it one step further. REI has announced that they will not be participating in the Gray Thursday shopping trend, but also will not be participating in Black Friday this year. They have started the #OptOutside campaign, encouraging people to participate in outdoor activities and postpone their shopping plans.

In addition, REI will also pay their employees for the day off. The co-op business is being praised by people all over social media for their choice, with some people choosing to only shop at REI this season due to their protest of the Black Friday Creep. Although some stores have taken a stand against Gray Thursday, stores including Target and Wal-Mart will be open this Thanksgiving evening.

Your Next Car May be a Better Driver Than You

By Daniel Clarke

Numerous entities including Tesla Motors, Toyota, Ford, Nissan, Intel and Google are predicting that within the next 10 years, we will have autonomous cars. Some predict they’ll be ready as soon as 2020. Many have concerns about driver-less cars will entail, while others question the industry’s ability to even make fully autonomous vehicles. If they can pull it off, autonomous vehicles may eliminate more than 2.5 million driving jobs.

Each year, 33,000 people die in auto accidents, 80% of cases due to alcohol consumption; autonomous vehicles have the potential to eliminate most of these issues. In the wake of fully autonomous vehicles, legal bodies and insurance companies are faced with revising their policies to adapt to the new landscape of liability issues.

A major misconception many have about autonomous vehicles is that, like cars, they will gradually develop over time until they are ready to become fully autonomous. But systems that need to be supervised by a human driver can’t work if systems are driving continuously. Humans are not capable of staying alert for hours without doing anything; the vehicle would need to be able to make split-second decisions in unique situations.

To do this, autonomous vehicles need to be fully ready to handle any situation, even situations the developer did not think about. Rather than being controlled by classical computer algorithms, autonomous vehicles rely heavily on machine learning and pattern recognition, algorithms capable of recognizing situations that are similar to what they know and extrapolating a solution—very much like how humans handle situations while driving. Google has been training their cars to learn collectively since 2009. They

now have an equivalent of 40 years of driving experience in 5 years, autonomous vehicles may very well be the most experienced drivers around.

Volvo’s chief executive officer and president, Hakan Samuelsson, said, “We are the suppliers of this technology and we are liable for everything the car is doing in autonomous mode, if you are not ready to make such a statement, you shouldn’t try to develop an autonomous system.”

With other manufacturers making similar pledges, including Google

and Mercedes-Benz, we can expect systems that are extraordinarily safe—manufacturers can afford such a policy only if they’re sure there systems will not have issues. Still, liability when a vehicle is suspected of causing the accident is a major concern. Some say that the issue of liability, if not solved, could delay or wipe out the vision of driver-less cars. Cyber security is another



BMW’s autonomous vehicle can drift.

Photo Credit: Google Images

modern vehicles. Security is an issue with all internet-enabled devices, perhaps that’s a separate problem already being dealt with.

The question in the future may be one about keeping human drivers, rather than adopting autonomous ones. Mathew Inman said that human beings are terrible drivers; sourcing traffic crashes as the primary cause of death worldwide for people

aged 15-24. He noted that the Google self-driving cars are timid and tend to strictly follow the law to the annoyance of some other drivers. He expressed his concerns that despite the obvious benefits of going autonomous, in the future there may very well be a tragic accident that causes everyone to forget that the number of accidents have been reduced dramatically. With many questions being asked, autonomous vehicles keep pushing forward.

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Periodically Speaking

News from Giovatto Library



Kathy Stein Smith, Associate University Librarian and Director of Public Services, Giovatto Library

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Kathy's Picks
College Student Thanksgiving Guide
(<http://collegelife.about.com/od/cocurricularlife/a/College-Student-Thanksgiving-Guide.htm>)

PW Picks: Books of the Week, November 16, 2015
(www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/tip-sheet/article/68658-pw-picks-books-of-the-week-november-16-2015.html)

Study Guides and Strategies
(<http://www.studygs.net/>)

25 Books You'll Want to Curl Up with in a Reading Nook
(http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/books-to-curl-up-with-in-a-reading-nook_5644bc13e4b045bf3dedff77)

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Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday – 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Extended Library Hours for Finals Friday, December 11 – 13
Late Night Study Hall Hours December 9, 10, 13 – 15
Closed Wednesday – Friday, November 25 - 27, in observance of Thanksgiving



New Books This Week

- 100 Years of the Best American Short Stories
- Big Girl Panties, a novel
- Concepts of Cabralism: Amilcar Cabral and Africana Critical Theory
- Depraved heart, a novel
- Designing the New American University
- Digital Photography Complete Course
- Everyone is Italian on Sunday
- Graduate Programs in the Physical Sciences, Mathematics, Agricultural Sciences, the Environment & Natural Resources, 2016
- The Horse: The Epic history of Our Noble Companion
- iOS Forensic Analysis for iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch
- Knitting Pearls: Writers Writing about Knitting
- Lidia’s Mastering the Art of Italian Cuisine
- My Life on the Road
- New York: The Story of a Great City
- Part of Our Lives: A People’s History of the American Public Library
- Research and the Teacher: A Qualitative Introduction to School-Based Research
- The Shift: One Nurse, Twelve Hours, Four Patients’ Lives
- Simple Color Knitting: A Complete How-to-Knit-with Color Workshop with 20 Projects
- Submission, a novel
- Tempting Fate, a novel
- Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War That Changed American History
- Vegetarian India: A Journey through the Best of Indian Home Cooking
- Winter Stroll, a novel
- Work Reimagined: Uncover Your Calling

New DVDs and Video Games This Week

New DVDs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Die Another Day• Live and Let Die• Moonraker• Mr. Holmes• She’s Funny That Way• Snowglobe• Star Wars III Revenge of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the Sith• Who Cares? (Quem Se Importa)• The World Is Not Enough New Video Games: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don Bradman Cricket• WWE 2K16
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Student Lifestyle

Five Fun Fall Activities

By Terry King

1. Take a walk around campus. The Metro campus looks gorgeous with shades of orange and red falling from all the trees. Take a nice, windy afternoon to explore the swings by the river or the gazebo. Relish in the fall beauty.
2. Grab some friends and watch a movie! Whether you go to Teaneck Cinemas (just a short walk downtown), or pop some popcorn in your dorm and turn on Netflix, seeing a movie you've never watched before while holding a nice cup of tea or hot cocoa is the perfect addition to any fall day.
3. If it's chilly outside, why not give baking a try? The perfect

- treat for any Autumn afternoon has to be fresh baked treats. Even sweeter? The fact that you made them yourself! Try your hand at a tray of cookies or, if you don't have a kitchen, a mug cake you can make in your microwave.
4. Get ready for Thanksgiving with a suite potluck. Gather your friends and suitemates to have a potluck before you all leave for Thanksgiving break. Whether you bring pumpkin pie or ramen, there's a feast for everyone.
5. When all else fails, take a nap. It's almost finals season, but you don't have to stress out yet. Use the extra time you still have to throw on your comfiest clothes, warm yourself up from the chilly campus weather, and sleep for a bit. We'll all need a nap soon.



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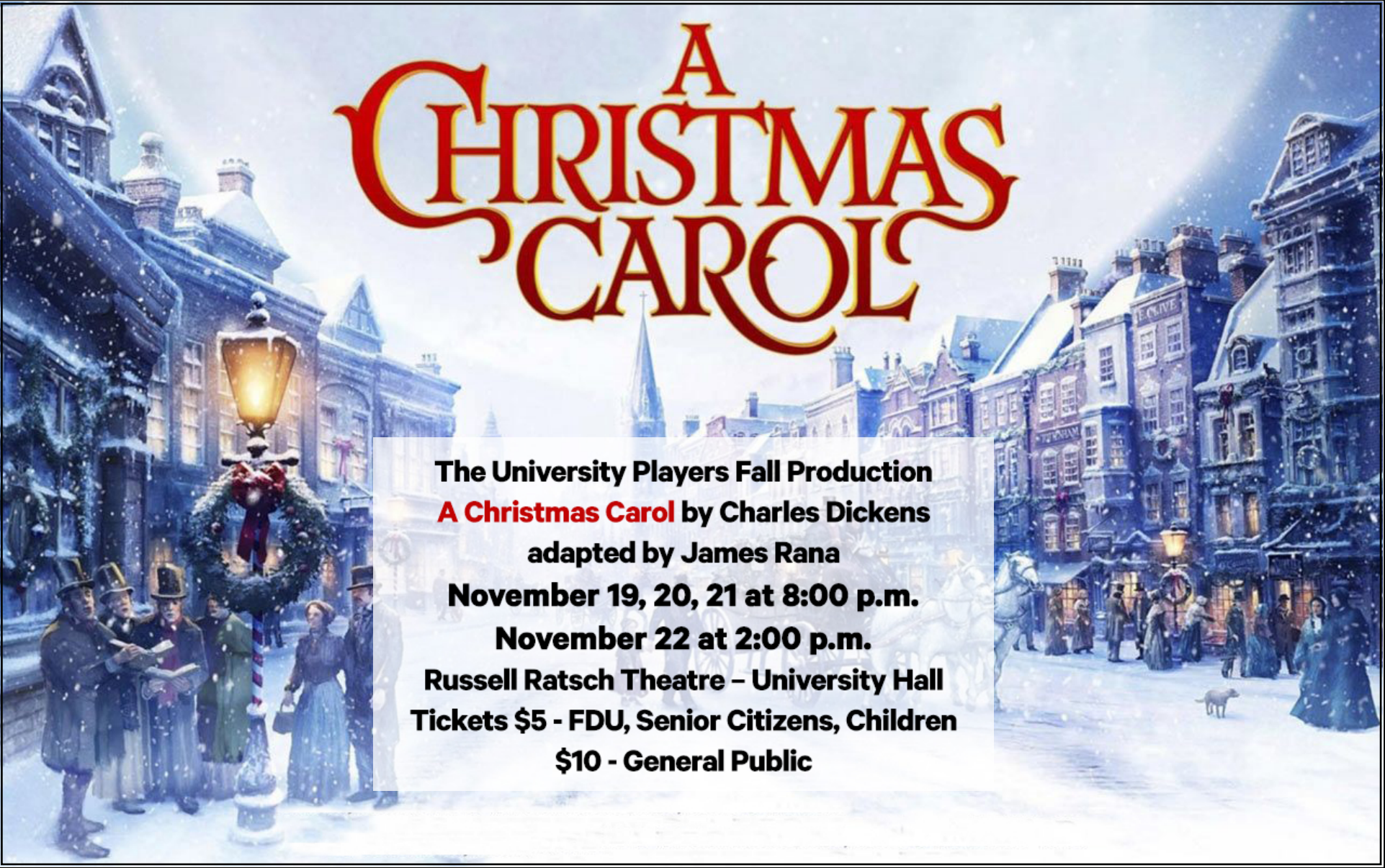
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— Features —

FDU Presents:



**A
CHRISTMAS
CAROL**

The University Players Fall Production
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
adapted by James Rana
November 19, 20, 21 at 8:00 p.m.
November 22 at 2:00 p.m.
Russell Ratsch Theatre – University Hall
Tickets \$5 - FDU, Senior Citizens, Children
\$10 - General Public



Jack Cymbryla as Bob Cratchit

By Armand Butera

Something is haunting the stages of FDU’s Russell Ratch Theatre, and it’s not the Ghost of Christmas past, or at least not just him. It seems as though the whole cast of characters from Charles Dickens’ famous novella will be coming along for the ride in FDU’s rendition of “A Christmas Carol.” Students are encouraged to take a trip to University Hall to see the play and will have multiple opportunities in the following week. The days will be Thursday Nov. 19 through Saturday Nov. 2 at 8

p.m. as well as Sunday Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.

The tale of “A Christmas Carol” is one many have heard of, yet people never seem to get enough of. It follows Ebenezer Scrooge, a wealthy elderly man who spends a majority of his time scowling and antagonizing anyone who dares to approach him. It would appear as though his reclusive nature and ever intimidating scowl would follow him all the way to the grave, if not for the timely arrival of the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as well as the specter of former business partner Jacob Marley. Throughout

the play, Scrooge goes on a fascinating journey with the spirits as he’s left to ponder the errors of his ways. Whether or not he chooses to accept the path he has taken or change from bitter old man to joyful geriatric will not be mentioned in this article, you will just have to see the play to find out the answer if you don’t already know.

FDU student Michael Rojeski will have the honor of putting on a skillful performance as Ebenezer Scrooge, under the guidance of

directors Professor James Rana and Doctor Ellen Spaldo. Each individual has a genuine passion in the art of theatre, and will without a doubt produce an enjoyable and entertaining performance as they journey through the pages of the Dickens classic. Feel free to join all the talented actors and actresses on a romp through the snowy streets of London before the holiday break.



Michael Rojeski as Scrooge and Dustin Nikes as Nephew Fred

Features

FDU Marches in NYC Veteran’s Day Parade



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FDU Celebrates Tyohaar

By Khadija Alami

On Friday Oct. 30, Indian Cultural Experience (ICE) hosted Tyohaar, meaning festival in Hindi. Co-sponsored by Office of International Students Services and Office of Global Learning the event celebrated Diwali (festival of light) and Navarti (dance festival over nine nights). It was held at the Rothman Center from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

ICE has been celebrating Diwali since 2005 at FDU. The president of ICE, Raj, made the opening words welcoming and thanking everyone for coming. The hall was

decorated with yellow lighting as a theme to present the color of candle’s flame used in Diwali celebrations.

There were different sets of performances to amuse the audience. Neha opened the night by reciting a prayer in Sanskrit. Shistata followed by singing “Raabta.” Before she sang, Shistata said, “I am not from India. I am from Nepal, so I might not be great at this song but I will try my best.” Mahesh then performed a dance to a fast-paced Indian song.

Afterwards the stage was rocked by several medley solo dances by Tanveer and Veneela.

Hari followed them with a tribute to the famous Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan. The audience described his dance moves to be professional and breath taking.

The stage was then taken by group performances. It began with Chandra Shekhar and Willbur performing a duet. They sang multiple Bollywood and regional songs that were a mixture of old and modern Indian songs. It was followed by performance by Badmash, a group consisting of Charitha, Pranay and Hari. They danced to several mixed Bollywood and regional songs. Exotic then replaced Badmash, continu-

ing to dance to different Bollywood and regional songs.

Dr. Joseph Kiernan, the provost, was honored on stage by ICE’s e-board as a gesture towards his retirement. In addition, they presented gifts to their advisors, Dr. Khyati Joshi and Nandini Janardhan, as part of Diwali traditions. Furthermore, the organization presented trophies to the winners of Cricket Day, an event hosted by ICE in the Fitness Center.

As all good things come to an end, so did the event with great Indian food that left the audience craving more.



From left: Dr.Kiernan, Dr. Khyati Joshi, Nandini Janardhan



Hiral Vyas

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Entertainment

‘Supernatural’ and the Real World

By Chris Madden

Few television shows have successfully captured the horrors of the occult and paranormal as well as “Supernatural.” The show, currently

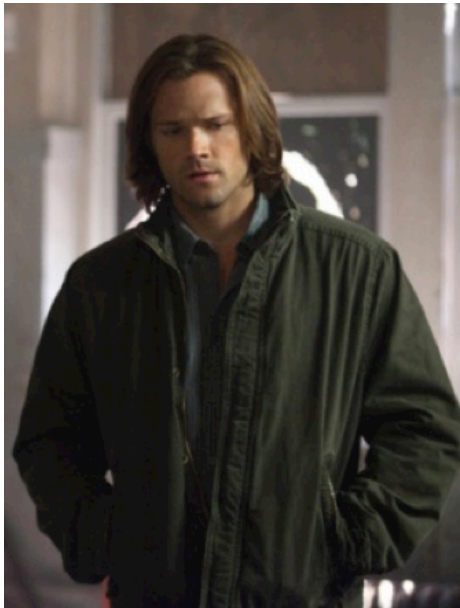


Jensen Ackels as Dean Winchester

in its eleventh season on the CW Network, has entertained viewers since 2005 with its exceptional devotion to the horror genre, extensive lore and excellent storytelling. Jared Padalecki and Jensen Ackles star as Sam and Dean Winchester, two brothers who traverse the United States in an effort to combat and destroy supernatural beings that are interfering with the mortal realm. Trained by their father, Jeffrey Dean Morgan, to become Hunters and relying on an extensive knowledge of ancient folklore and religion, Sam and Dean confront a potpourri of supernatural beings from ghosts and demons to vampires and werewolves. “Supernatural,” like many successful horror films and television series, makes excellent use of gore and grim atmospheres. Monsters and spirits are downright terrifying, with their

blood-soaked bodies and hideously scarred faces lurking in the shadows of an abandoned sanitarium or stalking a lonely stretch of highway. Watching a scarecrow hunt down and slaughter civilians is frightening enough, but add the fact that the scarecrow uses the skins of the victims as masks, and you have one of the most disturbing sequences on mainstream television. Horror elements aside, one of “Supernatural’s” greatest strengths is the chemistry between Sam and Dean Winchester. Padalecki and Ackles do a fantastic job of bringing sibling cohesion and rivalry to the screen, many times to humorous effect. Dean’s happy-go-lucky attitude and obsessions with cheeseburgers, classic rock music, and vintage cars contrast with Sam’s more reserved and intellectual nature. “Supernatural” is one of the

most thrilling television series today and highly recommended for any person with an interest in horror, monsters, or just excellent characters and storytelling.



Jared Padalecki as Sam Winchester

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Marvel-ous New Dimensions

By Armand Butera

For years, Marvel Entertainment’s tagline has been “Marvel, Your Universe,” and even today those words ring true. Ever since the beginning, the properties of Marvel had always been the most realistic and genuine in the medium, although the colorful attire some of them wear and the powers they possess may seem quite the contrary. As powerful or amazing these characters may be, they are not infallible. Many of Marvel’s top titles feature heroes such as Spider-Man and Daredevil juggling issues in and out of costume. The world these characters live in is meant to seem like a parallel to the world we, as readers, actually reside in. Many tales will feature real world issues such as bigotry or political views or to “simple” objectives such as raising a family or holding a job. The Marvel Universe is undoubtedly our universe, albeit with a few striking differences. However, much like the world we live in changes, so to has the world of Marvel in a major way. This past summer, Marvel launched a limited comic series called “Secret Wars”, an event that wound up altering the reality of the main Marvel universe (in comics it’s typical to have multiple realities, but the main one fans have been reading for decades is called “616”) and by doing so, changed the lives of many of Marvel’s heroes. This acted as a perfect way for the company to relaunch all of its major titles, dubbing this new era in their history the “All New, All Different Marvel”. The title is not a joke,

as many of their characters received major changes in their stories to come. Take for instance Peter Parker, better known as the amazing Spider-Man. For decades the character was the most relatable of all of Marvel’s properties. He was, and continues to be, the “everyman” with everyday problems, or so it would seem. Now, Peter’s life seems to be taking a turn for the better, with his new job title as leader of



Though humor is injected into the series, much like many other titles, Ms. Marvel revolves around what it is like being a Muslim teenager in the United States, with the addition of being a super hero.

the newly developed Parker Industries, a global operation which is intended to improve the quality of life around the world. His web-headed alter ego is seen as his “bodyguard” and company mascot, yet he continues to seek justice in and out of the red and blue suit. The web-spinner isn’t the only one to be affected. Another series to be relaunched this year is Ms. Marvel, a very special Marvel property. Ms. Marvel, otherwise known as Kamala Khan,

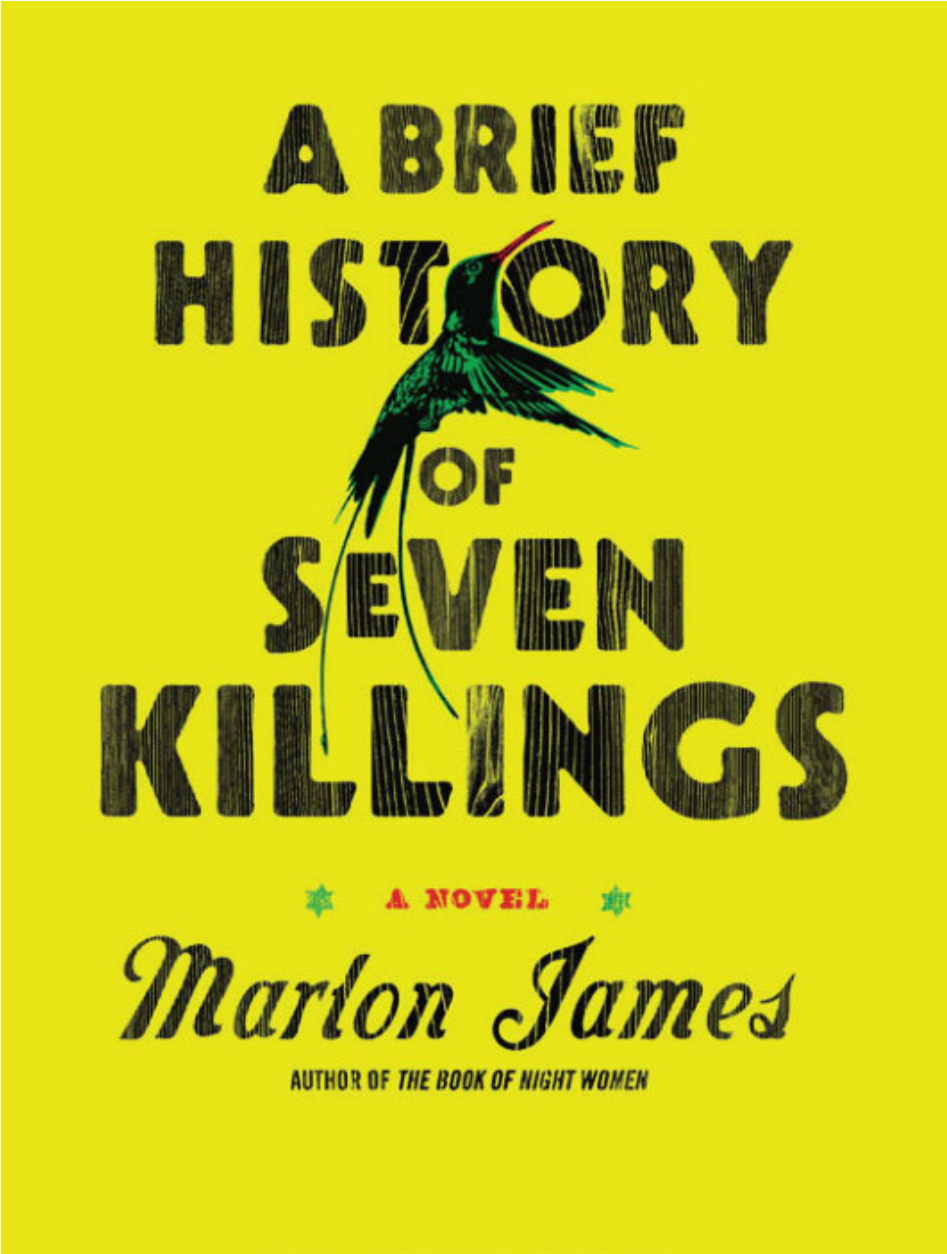
is Marvel’s first Muslim superhero. Khan, a teenager who lives in Jersey City instead of the usual stomping grounds of New York, is a Pakistani-American who practices the Muslim faith, who is relatable to readers of any faith. Much like the fans, Kamala also has an interest to the heroes of her world and gets the chance to fulfill her dreams of working alongside them when she is granted super powers by

a force called the Terrigen Mists. She must balance a high school schedule, strict yet caring parents, superhuman threats, as well as practicing her faith. Since her debut the character has gained significant praise and her new series is the perfect jumping on point for any reader. While many of Marvel’s characters have consistently been revolutionary with its comics discussing important topics, the company and its characters show no signs of slowing

down. The X-Men, for example, have always represented the oppressed or misunderstood in the real world. Many who are from varying races, religions and sexual orientations can relate to the characters, now, more than ever, thanks to a major chance in a significant character. Iceman or Bobby Drake, one of the original X-Men from the 1960s, has come out as openly gay. Though originally in denial, until talking about it with his fellow teammates, Drake accepted his real feelings and admitted that he was, in fact, gay. The character recently went as far as to confront his future counterpart in a recent storyline and the topic will undoubtedly continue into the new issues of the Uncanny X-men. These are only a few of changes that can be found in the pages of Marvel comics. Relaunching almost all of their original titles, while also introducing several new ones, there has never been a better time to jump on board and become a fan. Even with these differences, the company and its heroes still maintain a very realistic and human tone to all of their books. No matter what is thrown at them, whether it is garishly dressed super villains or earth-threatening attacks, the characters millions have grown to love, will face problems that the readers may encounter themselves in everyday life. With all their titles just now being relaunched, new and exciting content will hopefully remind us once again that the Marvel Universe is truly “our universe.” Photo Credit: Marvel

Entertainment

Marlon James Wins Best Book of 2015



By Christina Martinez

Marlon James won the Man Booker Award for his novel, “A Brief History of Seven Killings,” on Oct. 13. James is the first Jamaican to be nominated and win this prestigious award. This is a huge victory for James, who quit writing ten years ago when his debut novel was rejected 78 times.

The Man Booker Prize, first awarded in 1969, is one of the top literary awards for naming the “Best Book of the Year”. The winner receives 50,000 pounds (\$75,963) for their work, and 2,500 pounds (\$3,798) for being shortlisted. James also received a special design of his book and a trophy.

He felt like people did not want to read his novels. “There was a time I actually thought I was writing the kind of stories people didn’t want to read,” James said.

In response, he deleted the novel from his computer. He was able to retrieve the manuscript from an old email and his novel, “John Crow’s Devil,” was eventually published in 2005.

“A Brief History of Seven Killings” beat out Hanya’s Yanagi-hara’s “A Little Life,” Sunjeev Sahota’s “The Year of the Runaways,” Chigozie Obioma’s “The Fisherman,” Thomas McCarthy’s “Satin Island,” and Anne Tyler’s “A Spool of Blue Thread.”

“A Brief History of Seven Kill-

ings,” published by Oneworld Publication, takes place in Kingston, Jamaica.

James gives a fictionalized history of the assassination attempt on Bob Marley in 1976. The story branches out to the United States and takes place from the 1960s to the 1980s. James writes this story with different voices from victims to C.I.A. agents to the assassins themselves.

In an interview with The New York Times, James said, “I thought it was going to be a short novel, that it was one person’s story. But I was wrong, because history is always shaping everything.”

When asked about how he came up with the idea of the “A Brief History of Seven Killings,” James said, “The idea for this book is the very first I had, even before the other two novels, because I always was interested in writing about the Jamaica I grew up in.”

James was born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1970. He left Kingston when he was 28-years-old, which he said in an essay he wrote for the New York Times, was due to him needing to feel comfortable with himself.

“A lot of it is based on true events, but quite a bit is made up and that’s part of the reason for the book itself, because there is no history,” James said in his acceptance speech.

“I had to sit down and add it up one day and I had no idea it was that much,” James told The Guardian Today.

Apocalypse Now Enjoyable

By Chris Carlson

Within minutes of starting a new game in Fallout 4, players will find themselves immersed in the vibrancy of post-apocalyptic Massachusetts. While players are given the freedom to do whatever they want, Fallout 4 reminds them that despite the fun, they still have to decide the fate of the world, or what’s left of it.

The game begins with the main character reflecting upon the impact of World War II and the legacy of his great-great grandfather, a man who stormed the beaches of Normandy. After dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the US enters the Atomic Age and then history changes. There are autonomous machines that act as caretakers, nuclear powered cars and an advanced military made of highly sophisticated power suits. However, an economic collapse leads to civil strife and the Communists invade Anchorage, Alaska. Before anyone can put down the controller, the bombs are dropped.

It doesn’t stop there. After creating the main character, the game switches to present day (which is the year 2077) where a series of actions force you and your family to head underground. You watch as you’re forced into a cryogenic chamber and subsequently frozen for 200 years. Before you know it, you’re wandering the ruins of Massachusetts.

The graphics for Fallout 4 are outstanding. The vivid environments, along with the characters and animals, give Fallout 4 a unique experience.

Trees look like trees and some players may even question the likeness of the water.

Fallout 4 plays out like any other RPG. There are skill trees for different sets of characteristics and unlocks for the companions that players will encounter along the way. Each companion has their own special ability and personality to fit them.

Two of Fallout 4’s biggest features is the customization of weapons and building of settlements. Players are given an amazing array of weapons modifiers that can, for example, change an ordinary automatic rifle into a powerful sniper. You can even put a bayonet on a rocket launcher (no logical reason as to why you might need it, but hey, it’s available).

At the same time, certain areas have been scoped out for players to build settlements. These settlements allow players to gain additional resources and allow them to manage their own little town (or towns, pending how far they want to expand). While there is a limit to the size of the settlement, there is no account of how many settlers a player can have. These settlers can fulfill a variety of roles ranging from trader to an armed guard.

Fallout 4 is expected to provide hundreds of hours of gameplay for fans and newcomers alike. Even though downloadable content is slated for the future, it’s unknown what new content there might be. It’s a little unfortunate that the game isn’t cooperative, but it fulfilled its role as being a driven single-player experience.



Players have the ability to customize their power-armor suits from materials that they scavenge from their enemies in Fallout 4.

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Opinion



Natasha Ashby

Editor’s Desk

Thanksgiving is six days away. Let that sink in for a moment. In six days, we will be stuffing our faces and filling our bellies with delicious home-made foods. I’m talking about honey-glazed golden brown ham topped with pineapple, mashed sweet potatoes that my mom tends to go a bit heavy on the sucrose, but hey its only once a year.

This semester is flying by. I can’t believe we have a few weeks left until winter break. Before we know it, it’ll be 2016. And speaking of New Years, I’m super excited! Haven’t quite figured out where I’ll be but 99% sure it’ll be edm-related. Nothing like a sick

beat drop to get your blood flowing!

As I’m writing this editors desk, my teammate Morgan Brown is dancing while singing Hannah Montana songs. And for visual purposes, I’m not on the most-coordinated team. But I love them anyway. We have another big tournament this weekend in Delaware. This tournament is one of my favorites because of the nearby outlets. Usually when we do well, the parental units are more generous. Last year, we won this tournament so I’m really looking forward to getting back there.

Public Safety Blotter

- 11/3/15 – Female student reported harassment by a male ELS student in Robison Hall
- 11/6/15 – Students with alcohol in Linden 5
- 11/6/15 – Students with alcohol in Linden 4

From the Desk of David Miles



Director of Public Safety, David Miles

It is unfortunate that we have to write articles about personal safety but constant reminders are not a bad thing.

Recently, there was an incident at another New Jersey University that could have been more serious, but also could have been easily prevented.

The incident occurred in the early morning hours and a female student awoke to find an intruder in her room. The female student screamed and the intruder left and the Campus Police were notified but they were not able to locate the intruder. The female student advised the Campus Police that she did not lock her door and the intruder was able to just walk into her room.

It is fortunate that the student involved in this incident did not sustain any injuries.

You may ask how I am so sure that this incident could have been prevented. The answer is really very simple.

Lock your door.

It is important that you always lock your door when you leave your room, but also when you are in the room. You should never prop open any door nor should you allow anyone that you do not know to enter by holding the door for them or allowing them to follow you into the building. You also should never lend your access card to anyone else.

Following these basic security tips will help you to remain safe and not become a victim.

If at any time you have a lock problem with any door, you should report it to the Department of Public Safety so we can have the lock repaired in a timely manner.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding Public Safety, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please remember to like the Department of Public Safety on Facebook at FDU Metro Department of Public Safety or follow us on Twitter @FDUMetroPS.

Unfit GOP Candidates

By Chris Madden

In 1956, the Republican Party Platform laid out its goals and ambitions for an America that was at its zenith. In line with the Cold War liberalism of the time and along with many other important goals, the party of President Dwight D. Eisenhower aimed to “Assure equal pay for equal work regardless of Sex,” “Extend the protection of the Federal minimum wage laws to as many more workers as is possible and practicable,” and “to seek extension and perfection of a sound social security system.”

Less than twenty years later, President Richard Nixon outlined a comprehensive health care plan that required an employer mandate and an expansion of Medicare. Yet the current lineup of Republican presidential candidates would have nothing to do with such policies. In fact, the current crop of Republican candidates has become so distanced from reality that they have rendered themselves unelectable.

What was once the party of strong government, fiscal responsibility, and moderate to liberal values has descended into a doomsday cult full of religious fundamentalists, anti-government fanatics, charlatans, frauds, and tin-foil hat-donning conspiracy theorists.

Look no further than the two

gentlemen leading in the polls, Donald Trump and Ben Carson. Trump, a billionaire real-estate mogul from New York, has suggested building a massive wall along the US-Mexico border, removing birthright citizenship, and deporting eleven million undocumented immigrants. Carson, a retired pediatric neurosurgeon who gained fame as a pioneer in his field, thinks the current theory explaining the origins of the universe is a joke, evolution was devised by Satan, and that the Holocaust may not have happened if Jews were able to carry weapons. Had these two candidates been around during the tenures of Dwight D. Eisenhower or Richard Nixon, they would have been expelled from the party for espousing such nonsense.

The other candidates do not fare any better. Familiar talking points about repealing Obamacare, increasing defense spending, opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage, and incessant commenting on President Obama’s leadership are repeated ad nauseam by Ted Cruz, Mike Huckabee, Carly Fiorina, and Chris Christie. It is time for mainstream American voters to ask themselves a simple question: Are any candidates running for the GOP nomination remotely qualified for leading the United States and the rest of the Free World? The answer is a resounding no.

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Sports

Women’s Bowling in 2nd Place in NEC

By Natasha Ashby

(TEANECK) – The FDU Women’s bowling team finished NEC Meet 1, hosted by the Red Flash of Saint Francis University, in second with a 6-4 record last weekend at Holiday Bowl in Altoona, PA. Sacred Heart is in first with a 7-3 record.

After finishing the first day of competition with a 1-4 traditional game record, the Knights powered back Sunday by going undefeated, winning all five of their baker matches.

“I think what made it so shocking about going 1-4 is that we weren’t expecting to have that record after the first day,” senior Nicolette Sarin said. “But days like that happen and instead of letting that define us, I think it was more of how we bounced back and performed on Sunday. So if I had to wrap up this weekend’s performance in one word it’d be resilience.”

The first match of the day was against Saint Francis University, in which the Knights shot what turned out to be their highest set of the day--1,026 in the 5 game total pin fall baker match. Sarin threw nine strikes throughout the match to help give the Knights the win.

The Knights defeated the Cougars of Caldwell University by 193 pins with a 964 total pin fall score for their second win of the day. Senior Natasha



From left: Nicolette Sarin, Morgan Brown, Katelyn LaRocca, Natasha Ashby, Sydney Scelfo, Morgan Walsh, Karsyn Lukosius, Amy Caruso, Melanie Hannon, Rebecca Fischer, and Amanda Schilling.

Ashby helped the Knights by filling nine of 10 frames, six of them being strikes. Junior Morgan Brown threw three strikes and three spares as well in a solid performance.

In the third match, FDU shot over a thousand, again defeating the Blackbirds of LIU Brooklyn who knocked down 860 pins. Sarin and sophomore Karsyn Lukosius each filled nine out of 10 frames, six being strikes.

The Knights knocked down over a thousand pins again in their fourth match against the Terriers of St. Francis Brooklyn, who shot 913. FDU also threw their highest baker game of the day, a 224 in the fourth game. Brown led the way with eight strikes and junior Melanie Hannon added six.

The closest match of the day came against the Pioneers of Sacred Heart. In the fifth game of the set, FDU

was up 23 pins in total but the win came down to the tenth frame. Hannon needed the first strike and good count on the second shot to clinch the victory. She threw three strikes to earn the Knights their fifth and final win of the day.

The Knights had a collective frame average of 20.40. Sarin led the way with a 21.71 frame average. Hannon and Brown finished with frame averages of 20.50 and 20.43, respectively.

“It was clearly a totally different story today,” Lopresti said. “We made better equipment choices and were smarter with surface alterations that matched our players better to the lane pattern and lane surface. Our players were able to play up to their potential because they were matched up better. What a huge difference it made.”

Brown is optimistic about the team using what they learned during the NEC tournament in preparation for their next tournament.

“We faced a lot of adversity on Saturday and the fact that we were able to overcome it Sunday and bounce back just shows how strong of a team we truly are and that we can accomplish anything that is thrown our way,” she said.

The Knights will be back in action next weekend at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Hawk Classic in Millsboro, Delaware.

Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

NEC Champs!

Athlete Profile

By Elizabeth White

(TEANECK) - Fairleigh Dickinson’s women’s soccer team won the final game in the Northeast Conference on Nov. 8, claiming their first NEC Tournament Title and moving on to the NCAA Tournament.

In the first round, they faced Rutgers, the No. 2 seed in the tournament.

With 12 consecutive wins, the FDU Knights have set a program record. Their record of 16-5 also set the record of most wins in program history. Head Coach Eric Teepe said that the biggest key to making the NCAA tournament was the team’s unity and experience.

“We brought a lot of players back from last year who have been through it since they arrived on campus,” Teepe said, “This resolve made them stronger and gave them the strength to work through the highs and lows.”

Unlike other seasons, this season presented challenges early on, which ultimately made the team stronger and brought them together.

“I expected us to have a great

year. Last year was very good but I knew coming into this year that we were going to be even better with the returners and also the newcomers,” said Amanda Goulet, a senior midfielder. “Since we made it in the Championship Final as well last year, I thought this year we were more experienced and were able to manage the game properly.”

Rachel Hoekstra, a senior who plays forward, said she had high expectations for the team before the season started. “I knew that if everyone did their part on the field, we would, for sure, be NEC champions,” Hoekstra said.

“This season was special because it was the final year for most of us girls. It was our last chance to reach one of our goals, which was to win the NEC.”

Teepe said that the four goals that they set back in August were crucial in helping them to succeed. “With these goals, we managed to stay in a mindset of only thinking about one game at a time and hopefully keeping an even level, never being too high or too low.”

On his expectations for the first NCAA tournament, Teepe said, “As always, we expect to go out with our best game and win. We cannot allow ourselves to be intimidated no matter how hard the task can be.”

Although the team lost to Rutgers on Nov. 13, they are still proud to hold the NEC Tournament title.

“We have trained on and off the field so hard and I believe this is why we are here now,” Goulet said, “We always believed in ourselves and never gave up.”

By Tyonna Goweh

(TEANECK) - At Fairleigh Dickinson University, many international students attend to compete on the athletic teams. Every student athlete here has a reason why they play. Freshman Deanna Persico has many reasons of her own.

Persico is from Ontario, Canada, and is currently majoring in Chemistry. For club soccer, she played for the Vaughan Soccer Club and now plays as a goalkeeper for the women’s soccer team.

She learned about FDU from a friend who met Coach Teepe at a tournament in Canada.

“He introduced me to the school and gave me the contact information of Coach Teepe,” she said. “I chose to attend FDU because of the small size of the school, the good academics and the amazing athletic program. I wanted to be a part of it and expand my horizons.”

Persico has been playing soccer since she was four-years-old.

“I would play with family and watch my brother play in his games,” she said. “Then I made it to a better league when I was nine, and the second highest level of soccer when I was fourteen.”

Throughout her many years of playing soccer, she has learned many valuable skills.

“People can promise things, but that is never an assurance that it is to happen,” she said. “Also, hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard. I got a scholarship because I worked hard and earned it, which leads to the next



Diana Persico

lesson: that good things come to those who work for them.”

Persico loves the sport and hopes to have a long and prosperous career in women’s soccer.

“The biggest goal that I have is to continue to play soccer at the collegiate level,” she said. “To do this while maintaining my grades to continue my scholarship. Those are only short term goals, my main long term goal is to continue to play and watch this sport until I can no longer.”

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Sports

Men’s Basketball Sporting New Recruits



Mike Holloway

By Jeremy Gaitan

(TEANECK) – FDU’s Men’s Basketball is looking to rebound from a season in which they finished 8-21 overall, and just 3-15 in conference play. Head Coach Greg Herenda, entering his third season at the helm, acknowledges the shortcomings of last year’s team, but is encouraged by the changes he sees on the floor.

“We have to rebound and defend better,” said Herenda. “Offensively, we’re talented, but there’s always a chance to shoot the basketball better, so those areas are the main ones that we have to work on. Our system is basically the same. We’re

bigger, longer, and we have better players this year.”

Herenda and his coaches spent the recruiting season searching to fill open roster spots, with a particular emphasis on adding height. The 2016 team is a young squad that features six new freshmen, including three taller than 6-foot-6, as well as five sophomores and two red-shirt juniors.

One of the star recruits is Mike Holloway, a 6-foot-7 forward from Arthur P. Schalik High School in Pittsgrove, N.J., where he averaged 16.4 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. He was named a second-team all-star by the South Jersey Times and Vineland’s Daily Journal.

“He can rebound, score the ball in the basket, and is a very good

passer,” Herenda said. “Our needs were height and strength, and we think we filled it in with Mike Holloway.”

Another promising freshman is Malik Miller, a 6-foot-9 center from Troy, N.Y. He averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds at Catholic Central High School, while helping his team earn a No.1 area ranking in the Albany Times Union poll with a record of 17-2, and a No. 24 ranking in the New York State Sportswriter Association Class AA poll. Miller was also named to the Troy Record’s All-Area Large School third team.

With no seniors on the team this season, Herenda had to make a choice on who was to be team captain. After some consideration, he chose Tyrone O’Garro, a 6-foot-6 red-shirt



Malik Miller

junior forward, who transferred in last fall from Monmouth University, but had to sit out all of last season to abide with NCAA rules.

“He’s an athletic, rebounding, hard-working player,” Herenda said. “Because he sat out last year, he is part of the official recruiting class.”

During the Knight’s pre-season opener on Thursday, Nov. 5 against Georgian Court, a D-II school, O’Garro showed how much he can contribute by scoring 10 points, including slamming in the last points of the game in an alley-oop play with 11 seconds left, while securing 8 rebounds in 21 minutes of playing time, as the Knights won a close one, 78-77.



The 2015-16 Men’s Basketball team poses in front of the Rothman Center.

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Knights Pummel Devils 111-70

By Chris Carlson

(TEANECK) - Monday, Nov. 16, brought about a wonderful victory for the Knights of the Metropolitan campus at FDU. Their opponent the Florham campus Devils couldn’t keep up. The game was at 7 p.m. in the Stratis Arena, where fans from both sides filled the stands.

After an intense two periods, the Knights would come out on top with a surprising score of 111 points, with Florham trailing behind at 70.

The Knights demonstrated a great tenacity for being the first to strike, which constantly confused Florham as their defenses struggled to keep the Knights from scoring.

What was most surprising about this match was the unity of the basketball team. While their first game came at a loss, the Knights very well made sure to make up for it. Players passed back and forth, covered each other, and maintained control.

When asked about his thoughts for the game, Coach Greg Herenda had much to say.

“I’m very happy that everybody contributed,” he said. “You know we played fast and hard, and so did Florham. We were bigger, faster and stronger.”

He implied that he had to hold his team to high standards.

“We had to dominate this game because we’re a Division I team,” he said, “and that’s our job.”

When it came to improvements, Herenda said that the Knights defense needed a little work.

“Our defensive shell needs some work,” Herenda said, “but we blocked shots. We have athletes that can make up for mistakes, but I rather not make mistakes and stay solid.”

Herenda left some parting thoughts concerning the rest of the season.

“We’re very young, but we’re like sponges and we’re going to get better,” he said.

The Knights next home game is against the Blackbirds of LIU Brooklyn on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.

SCORE BOX

Men’s Basketball

11.13 #11/#9 Villanova Away L
91-54

11.16 Florham Campus Home W
111-70

Women’s Basketball

11.14 Manhattan Home L
85-78

Women’s Soccer

11.06 Saint Francis U Home W
7-4

11.08 Robert Morris Home W
1-0

11.13 Rutgers Away L 1-0